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# H. R. 3986

To provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CHANDLER PUMPING PLANT AND POWER-**  
4 **PLANT OPERATIONS AT PROSSER DIVERSION**  
5 **DAM, WASHINGTON.**

6 Section 1208 of Public Law 103–434 (108 Stat.  
7 4562) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
2 “OR WATER EXCHANGE” after “ELECTRIFICA-  
3 TION”;

4 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),  
5 and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), re-  
6 spectively, and indenting appropriately;

7 (C) by striking “In order to” and inserting  
8 the following:

9 “(1) ELECTRIFICATION.—In order to”; and

10 (D) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(2) WATER EXCHANGE ALTERNATIVE.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As an alternative to  
13 the measures authorized under paragraph (1),  
14 the Secretary may use sums appropriated under  
15 paragraph (1) to study the engineering feasi-  
16 bility of exchanging water from the Columbia  
17 River for water historically diverted from the  
18 Yakima River.

19 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out  
20 subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in coordina-  
21 tion with the Kennewick Irrigation District and  
22 the Columbia Irrigation District—

23 “(i) shall prepare a report that de-  
24 scribes project benefits, contains feasibility  
25 level designs and cost estimates;

1 “(ii) may obtain critical rights-of-way;

2 “(iii) shall prepare an environmental

3 assessment; and

4 “(iv) shall conduct such other studies

5 or investigations as are necessary to de-

6 velop a water exchange.”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or water

8 exchange” after “electrification”; and

9 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “electrifica-

10 tion,” each place it appears and inserting “elec-

11 trification or water exchange”.

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